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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2004, applicants hereby
elect group VIII, claims 21-25 for examination. Applicants note that claims 1-20 were
canceled in the preliminary amendment filed on November 6, 2001.


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An early and favorable examination on the merits are respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-0750/CDS 0255/TJB. This form is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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